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PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Medicaid HCBS DD Service Providers

FROM: Courtney Miller, Director *cm*
Division of Developmental Disabilities

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RE: **Functional Behavioral Assessments**

This provider bulletin is being issued to clarify how providers bill for performing Functional Behavioral Assessments.

The Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) is a tool used to identify circumstances and consequences associated with certain behavior(s) and must be done prior to Consultative Assessment Service being utilized. Only clinical FBAs can be used for Consultative Assessment Service.

FBAs are to be conducted by an appropriate practitioner chosen by the individual, authorized, and paid for through the participant's Managed Care Organization (MCO). Prior authorization for an FBA is required by all three MCOs: Nebraska Total Care, WellCare of Nebraska, and United Healthcare. Only clinical FBAs requested for the purposes of determining Developmental Disabilities Services will be paid for by the MCO. Non-clinical FBAs (e.g. court ordered) are not covered by the MCO.

If you have questions about this provider bulletin, please contact Katie Weidner, Provider Relations Program Manager at Katie.Weidner@nebraska.gov or 402-471-8716.

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